

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

(Natural Resource related items)

Oil Spill Prevention Training for Licensed Tribal Fishers: A free oil spill prevention training session will be conducted for licensed tribal fishers from Little River Band, Grand Traverse Band and Little Traverse Bay Bands on January 15, 2008 in Traverse City. The training will be held at the Holiday Inn Waterfront in the Shimmers Lounge from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. The training session is being conducted by the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) and the U.S. Coast Guard in conjunction with the annual "No Spills" Conference. In addition to the training, participants will also be given a free oil spill prevention and cleanup kit. Please call Mike Ripley at (906) 632-0072 to register.

(General area items)

Office Closed December 3rd. The tribal government offices were closed on December 3rd due to weather problems in Manistee. Be sure to check option #2 "Office Closings" on the government phone system (800-723-8288 or 723-8288 if local) for updates on closings.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

Sag Chip Election: The Public Relations office of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal nation report that Tribal Court Judge Bruce Plackowski has sworn in Tribal Chief Fred Cantu, Jr. to his second term. Joining Tribal Chief Cantu on Executive Council are Tribal Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call, Tribal Treasurer Simon Jackson and Tribal Secretary Jeanette Leaureaux. Other elected Tribal Council positions include Tribal Sgt. At Arms David Sowmick and Tribal Chaplain Gail George. Other Council members include Audrey Falcon, Michele Stanley, Ron Nelson, Delmar Jackson, Sr., Milton "Beaver" Pelcher and Ruth Moses.

(Emergency Management items)

NIMS Classes at LRCR. The week of the 26th, 28 members of the local emergency response system attended classes at the Casino Resort in ICS 300 and ICS 400. The 28 attendees represented 9 organizations from the Michigan State Police, Mason County Sheriff's office, Ludington Police, Manistee 911, Freesoil Fire Department, LRBOI and LRCR. The classes are part of the continuing education necessary to help Tribal (and outside) departments protect our people in case of crisis. They are also requirements for the tribe to receive any federal grants.

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to: The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

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Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.